

Junior recruits



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From Monday to Friday, the Fort Erie Fire Department held its junior firefighter's camp. Twenty-one students from various local schools were chosen through a lottery to join the training session to learn about all aspects of fire-fighting. Going up in the ladder on Wednesday with volunteer Chris Turfs, left, were Sara 'Backdraft' Papadekis and Monica 'Chainsaw' Dempse. See page 14 for more photos.



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Mark Belanger, the Fort Erie Racetrack's TV director makes sure Tuesday's broadcast runs smoothly.




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Ontario Racing Commission stewards Neil McCoag and Richard Grubb keeping an eye on this Tuesday's races.



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Friends of Crystal Beach lottery license denied

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Alcohol and Gaming Corporation of Ontario (AGCO) has ruled on the Friends of Crystal Beach (FOCB) bingo license.

The local non-profit group has its bingo license revoked last year, for political-related content on its website that focused on the Crystal Beach Gateway project, an issue that has brought a storm of public opinion since 2008.

The matter was deferred to the AGCO for assessment and on Monday night, some members of council were disappointed with the AGCO's ruling that a lottery license would not continue for the FOCB.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts was not impressed.

"I would prefer that we discuss it before we accept it," said Lubberts.

General manager of the Town's Community Gaming and Development Corporation (CGDC), Russ Wilson, was out on Monday's meeting, to answer any concerns about the decision, saying that the ruling cannot be overturned.

"There is no appeal mechanism to the decision made by the AGCO. It is final," said Wilson.

But the AGCO has no opinion on the group speaking negatively about the Town's public-private partnership with the Molinaro Group to build a 12-story condominium-

um at Bay Beach.

The license renewal was denied because funds raised by the group's efforts are directed to the Town's finance department before being allocated to beautification projects in Crystal Beach.

"The directing of monies in this fashion from FOCB to the Town of Fort Erie would be an ineligible use of lottery proceeds," wrote Frank Cuda, manager of gaming eligibility for the AGCO.

Lubberts kept strong in his view that council should not approve the communication item.

Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular, who served as acting mayor at the meeting, tried to get the discussion moving.

"All we're doing is accepting the receipt of this letter," said Shular.

One of the recommendations in the letter from the AGCO, says that groups who

are eligible for a lottery license must be a separate legal entity, financially and administratively from government.

This raised a concern from Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley, that other groups who have licenses in Greater Fort Erie could be ineligible.

"With this said to me, we need to take at all the bingos in Fort Erie," said Steckley.

Ward 6 Coun. Paul Collard asked if recovering an appeal committee could play a role in overturning the decision.

Town clerk Carolyn Kett fielded the question.

"There is no purpose for the committee to reconvene because there is nothing further to deliberate," she said.

Council ended the discussion by requesting the CGDC to prepare a report to further explain the decision and if there are other bingo groups operating the same way within Fort Erie.

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Tickets can be reserved through Chamber of Commerce

The Fort Erie 1812 Bicentennial Committee is excited to present the next event in their Bicentennial celebration line up: "Who Won the War of 1812" Gala Dinner and Great Debate on Saturday, September 15 at the Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall.

Featuring well-known authors, journalists, and political commentators Roy MacGregor and David Frum as our guest debaters,

the evening will begin with dinner, followed by the renaissance comedy performance by Tony Quinn, and will end with the Great Debate, where MacGregor will debate for Canada and Frum for the United States, each one trying to prove that their side won the War of 1812.

The public is invited to attend the comedy show and Great Debate portions of the evening, compliments of the Fort Erie 1812 Bicentennial Committee.

The comedy performance will start at 8:20 p.m. and the debate will commence at 9 p.m.

To attend the dinner portion of the debate, a full course meal, the cost is \$75. The dinner begins at 7 p.m. To reserve tickets, contact the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce at (905) 871-3803.

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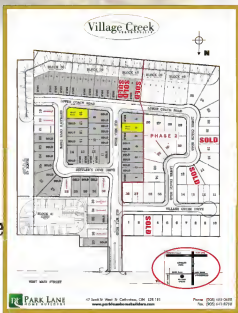
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our editorial

Public still deserves an explanation

Still no answer.

Despite freedom of information requests made by the public and members of council being asked publicly about former Town of Fort Erie solicitor Heather Salter's dismissal, no one knows exactly what happened. The rumour mill is in full-swing as it usually is in Fort Erie and people quote certain numbers about her severance or the reasons that lead to her termination, but nobody knows precisely what happened other than our local council.

A delegate asked them to give an explanation at Monday's council meeting, but because it is a legally

sensitive issue, no explanation was given.

When most of the councillors who voted in favour of letting her go campaigned on more openness and transparency before the 2010 election, one should assume that this is an issue that the process should be transparent.

Her severance was taken care of from taxpayers' money and that is all the reason for the public to be filled in.

-Kris Dube



ErieDowns 6th Annual Invitational Tournament August 5-7, 1965.

Do You Remember?

The million dollar money tree in last week's photo taken at the CNE still looms over our four unidentified people. Remember, it is never too late to call in about this photo (or any other).

Summer is almost over; time to hit the greens for some golf while the good weather lasts!

Do you recognize these golfers, part of a 1965 invitational tournament at Erie

Downs Golf Course (now Bridgewater Golf and Country Club)? Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

Concerts at Safari Niagara a great addition for music fans



Kris Dube
Editor's Notebook

I know this concert review might be a little late, but that's what happens when newspaper editors go on vacation for a week...things get pushed back slightly.

I'm referring to Collective Soul's performance at Safari Niagara on Aug. 10.

My taste in music has changed drastically since I was a fan of them in the mid 1990's but I was still impressed by their sound and the fact that I didn't find their performance stale and boring, which to be honest...is kind of what I expected.

They've been together for over two decades and that's always great to see...a band that can still keep it going for so long.

I found it surreal almost.

Music fans in Niagara are used to all the regulars who play at outdoor bandshells and community festivals.

I'm talking about performers like Blue Rodeo, David Wilcox, Kim Mitchell and The Tea Party... just to name a few.

These are Canadian artists who saw the bulk of their success come from music fans in their home country.

This is where

Collective Soul is different.

They are a U.S. recording artists with multiple platinum records and were just as popular throughout the world as they were in North America when they were in their prime.

They've been the musical guest on Saturday Night Live and have performed on all the U.S. network late night talk shows.

When this happens, that means a band is famous.

They performed new material, which I don't think too many people were interested in as they just wanted to attend the concert for all the classic hits like 'Shine,' 'Gel' and 'The World I Know.'

They have plenty in their catalogue of songs and I think the crowd was glad to hear them all.

Safari Niagara should be applauded for offering concerts of this calibre and I hope this will continue for many years to come.

The Friendship Festival and our neighbours up Hwy 3 in Port Colborne's Canal Days are always great chances for us to hear popular acts perform in the area, but this type of event is something we haven't seen for a long time.

Yes, tickets are a little pricey, but it is worth it in my opinion.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext 207 or send me an email at kris.dube@sunmedia.ca.

opinion page

There are many issues and laws surrounding use of various vehicles

Dear Editor,

After reading the letter to the editor (August 11) regarding "electronic-bikes" I think it's very important to make the public aware of issues with ALL the vehicles we have on our roads, sidewalks, bike paths, fields, and/or while operating them on your own property or property of others.

It's also important to know that the rules are NOT the same if you are out of the province as they are in Ontario; even local municipal by-laws affect them. The list is long and seems

to be growing but some of these are:

- wheelchairs-electric or otherwise
- gas or electric scooters
- mopeds
- motorized skateboards
- atv's
- snowmobiles
- minibikes
- pocket bikes-electric or otherwise
- small to large motorcycles
- bicycles with a motor on them
- golf carts
- bicycles
- unlicensed vehicles like construction equipment, farm tractors

-boats-motor, wind, or paddle

We see all of these on and off the roads, sidewalks, and everywhere in between.

Many of these are being operated illegally.

Get to know the law as it can be confusing, even to those that have to enforce it. Some of the concerns for just the "non marine" ones relate to:

- where can it be operated?
- does the vehicle and/or operator need a license?
- is mandatory insurance required? If not, is there insurance that may be provided by a homeowners policy for example?

Not having to have insurance by law doesn't mean that you shouldn't have it as there is still a liability concern to address.

How and where to drive on or off the road, to the side of the road, only dirt trails, your own property only(?)

-any age restriction of the operator? And then how does that relate to the insurance issue?

Lights, by-laws, helmets... and on and on.

As a start to all this, I'd urge you to visit the Ministry of Transportation's website. There are a lot of rules and this site only covers the Ontario ones, not the municipal ones that may override

them and certainly not any "out of province" rules or laws.

For example (from this website):

Slow Moving Vehicle Sign

Are some slow moving vehicles exempt?

Yes. Bicycles, mopeds and disabled vehicles being towed do not have to display the sign. Horse-drawn vehicles driven by people whose religious beliefs do not permit them to use the sign are also exempt; however, the back of the carriage must be outlined with reflective tape that is visible from at least 150 metres (approximately 500 ft).

The conclusion is obvious for the ones that do have to have a sign.

Good luck trying to figure it all out.

The fines if imposed, and possible liability suits for an at fault accident could be large.

If nothing else I'd also urge you to please show common courtesy when operating these and consider that whether you may have rights, or be right, if you're in an accident that doesn't help if you or someone else gets injured.

Brian Maskell
Glenny Insurance

Reader wants answers about lawyer's termination

Dear Editor,

They have just shut their door.

For anyone watching council or listening to its audio feed over the past number of weeks you are all aware of council's decision to fire our town solicitor and this for the most part, they have kept behind closed doors.

Despite citizens filing under Freedom of Information and people taking the time to ask questions at council there have been no answers on this from our councillors.

In my view, when there are claims of alleged harassment and a very large payout of your tax dollars for severance I think all citizens should be extremely upset that this so called open and transparent council has yet to come clean. I think it time that council come clean on this as I would not like to think our staff is being harassed by our elected officials let alone fired after a claim is made.

It is time for these guys to come clean! Email them, come to council and see if you can get them to talk or just write a small letter to the editor as this type of nonsense must stop. Sooner or later we will get to the bottom of this but we could use all of you to provide a little push.

George McDermott
Fort Erie

Fort Erie needs real leadership during difficult times

Dear Editor,

It is with some amusement that I have been observing the tremendous amount of roadwork in progress in our town. It makes one wonder why we need five lanes on Garrison Road, improved entrances and exits to and from the Queen Elizabeth Way and an ever increasing number of chain stores in a community which is economically dead.

It is also interesting to note that during the War of 1812, the American invaders sacked and burned what is present day Toronto.

Fast forward two hundred years to the economic War of 2012 and we find that the Toronto-based McGuinty government has metaphorically sacked and burned the Town of Fort Erie even though we are not the enemy.

While the hard pressed citizens of our town are trying desperately to sur-

vive this unwarranted attack by their own government, our local leadership is far too busy fighting their "tread war" and are therefore unable to mount an effective counter attack against the McGuinty invasion.

In light of this pathetic lack of mature leadership in our community, it is little wonder that our town is dying on its feet.

Michael Pantton
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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at The Municipal Centre, Conference Room 1 at 3:05 p.m.

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Racetrack invites community to 'Circle the Course' for two causes

➤ Food bank and cancer research will benefit from event on Sept. 23 at border oval

The Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium (FELRC) is offering an extremely unique event that has never been held at Fort Erie Racetrack in its 115 years of operation.

On Sunday, Sept. 23, the community of Fort Erie and friends of the historic border oval are invit-

ed to 'Circle the Course for Cancer and COPE.'

There are two ways for people to get involved in this local charity event.

Participants who make a minimum donation of ten dollars to cancer research will receive a limited edition commemorative Fort Erie Race Track lapel pin which will allow them access to the racetrack after the final race on Sept. 23 to walk the one mile oval for a good cause.

Participants who donate a non perishable food item to Community Outreach Program Erie (COPE) will

“We have so many people who turn to COPE each month and we can only meet that need through events such as this.”

— Barbara Volzke

receive a limited edition Fort Erie Racetrack wristband which will also allow them access to walk the course.

Donations will be accepted only on Sept. 23 and will be received at several booths located at the track beginning at 11:00 am.

A celebration will take place at the Tiki Bar Patio after the event has been successfully completed.

“With so many of our racing people and employees being directly and indirectly affected by cancer and limited financial resources, we thought it

would be appropriate to give back to the two charities in a way that recognizes the efforts of everyone who has an affiliation with the Fort Erie Race Track. In such a small community efforts like this have profound impacts on those that need help the most and at a time when it is much appreciated,” said Rick Cowan, chief operating

officer of the FELRC.

“We have so many people who turn to COPE each month and we can only meet that need through events such as this,” said Barb Volzke, Manager of COPE.

This event gives everyone involved a chance to make a difference while experiencing the race track from a very unique perspective.

Non-profits want to share ideas

➤ Event at end of Jarvis Street will provide networking opportunities for local community and its charities

Thirteen local non-profit organizations want the community to gather this Wednesday, to learn more about what they do.

At the end of Jarvis Street, near the Niagara River, agencies like Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation (WARM), the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre, the Head Injury Association of Fort Erie, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Community Outreach Program Erie, the Fort Erie SPCA and many others will participate in a meet and greet BBQ and hope new ideas can be shared about their roles in the Greater Fort Erie community.

The event will run from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the a.m. of rain, the function will be moved to the Aboriginal Head Start on

Jarvis Street, across from the Royal Bank.

For further information, contact Diane Doneff at

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The Town of Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department, Engineering Division, will be hosting an Environmental Information Session regarding species at risk found in Fort Erie

Date: Thursday, August 30, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive

Representatives from the Town of Fort Erie Biology Department, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) and your local area nature clubs will be in attendance.

Presentations, literature handouts, interactive displays and discussions are intended to increase public awareness of Fort Erie's species at risk.

The information provided during this session is for general information on Species at Risk within the Town of Fort Erie to satisfy various grant requirements for the Beaver Creek Municipal Drainage Project. Specific issues, projects or permits will not be addressed during this venue.

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The Town of Fort Erie would like to thank our many partners on the Beaver Creek Municipal Drain project for their contributions. These include: Ontario Trillium Foundation, Water Smart Niagara, The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks, Bill Miller Nature Club, and the Niagara Restoration Council.

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There are many reasons why it is nearly impossible to get a bank loan to open a new restaurant. The most common reasons are:

- Lack of collateral
- Lack of credit history
- Lack of business plan
- Lack of experience
- Lack of industry connections
- Lack of a solid financial background
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If you are a business owner and are looking for a bank loan to open a new restaurant, you need to have a solid financial background and a solid financial plan. You need to have a solid financial background and a solid financial plan. You need to have a solid financial background and a solid financial plan.



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Eight-acre grass fire



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On Thursday, five stations from the Fort Erie Fire Department and a tanker from the Niagara Falls Fire Department were called to a large grass fire on Point Abino Road in Stevensville. Fire chief Larry Coplen said a cause still has not been determined and estimates that about eight acres of barren property was burnt. Nobody was injured and firefighters battled the inferno for about six hours.

Zero waste to landfill



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Earlier this month, the local Rich Product's plant celebrated its accreditation of being a zero waste to landfill facility. Through a working partnership with Waste Management, the plant has reduced the amount of waste that goes to a landfill to 40,000 kilograms compared to about 400,000 kilograms in had in the past. Mayor Doug Martin joined representatives from the company to raise a flag in celebration of this accomplishment.

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Senior artist inspired by own imagination

Artists needed for symposium in October

Kris Dubé
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Just because Rhoda Keuljies is 77-years-old, it doesn't mean she can't come up with new and fresh ideas.

The local resident recently took home the top prize from a juried art exhibition in Haldimand for her series on the War of 1812.

A collection of three paintings, Keuljies says they don't necessarily depict specific events from the conflict... but how she sees them unfold in her mind.

"It's from my imagination, different scenes from the war," said Keuljies at her home recently.

She started dabbling in art about ten years ago and since then has even taken on the task of teaching. At the moment, she has two youth students and two adults that she instructs.

She is a retired accountant and with so much more free time she has been able to focus more on her craft.

"I've always loved art but I didn't have that much of a chance to follow through with it," she said.

Keuljies is a member of Fort Erie Heritage

"I've always loved art but I didn't have that much of a chance to follow through with it."

— Rhoda Keuljies

Arts, a local art group that focuses on Fort Erie history.

They will be hosting its Black Tie Symposium on October 20 and 21 at the Leisureplex. On Aug. 26, Heritage Arts will be at the Fort Erie Racetrack for an afternoon art exhibit in the Prince of Wales dining room.

Any artists interested in being a part of the Black Tie event, can call (905) 871-8506.



Rhoda Keuljies stands next to some of her art work at her home.



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Public safety officer Doug Atkins, left, and Devon 'Bunkie' Bythell watch Makayla 'Sparks' Sahsbandy use a fire extinguisher on Wednesday in Crystal Beach.



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Hailey 'Ash' Foster tests out her skills with a fire hose near Waterfront Park on Wednesday, with a little help from the Fort Erie Fire Department's Kathie Bath. This is the first time the fire department has offered a junior firefighters camp, a week-long educational session where students from various schools in Greater Fort Erie are given the chance to learn more about emergency services.

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I have coached or been a part of F.E. M.B.A. for the better part of 11 seasons. Thanks to F.E.M.B.A., I was able to coach, meet and get to know a lot of very good young people and their families. It has been very trying at times, but the rewards of working with good people young and older has far out weighed any of the negatives. Although not perfect, I think F.E.M.B.A. and all of its volunteers, yes even the umpires, deserve a big (Thank You) for all the years of hard work and dedication they have put into making sure the young people of Fort Erie have a place to play, learn and have fun. P.S. It is with a very good place to have fun with your own kids and family. Thanks for all those years, Guy Simpson

Deaths



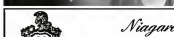
CARNOCHAN, Katherine Miriam - It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Katherine (Kay) Carnochan at Maple Park Lodge on August 20, 2012, in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Tom (2004), survived by her son David (Doris) Carnochan and daughter Lynda (Neil) Mackinnon, grandchildren John (Nicole) Carnochan, Darryl (Nancy) Carnochan, Meshaan (Brett) Coopman, Lindsay (Ryan Barton) Mackinnon, Ian (Holly Johnston) Mackinnon and great grandchildren Joel and Blake Coopman, Jason and Glenna Carnochan and Anna Carnochan, brother Albert Simon, sister Ruth Simon, many nephews, extended family and friends, and special 'Ma' of Heather and Milla McCrory. Thank you to Dr. Che and the wonderful staff at Maple Park Lodge for their compassionate care. If so desired, donations to the Alzheimer's Society or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Friends called at THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway, from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012. A Funeral Service to celebrate Katherine's life was held in the Williams Chapel last Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment followed at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. On-line guest register at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

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SCHAUBEL, Muriel Ruby - It is with a great sense of loss that the family of Muriel Schaubel announces her passing from this life to her eternal reward Monday, August 13, 2012. Born January 22, 1924 to J. Franklin and Vaneeta Carver, she was mother to Dennis and Sue Schaubel, Fay Silvestro, Ronald and Kathie Malar, David and Kim Schaubel and Ghi and Karen Boissevain. She is also survived by her 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her loving husband, Harold, her son-in-law, Rick Silvestro and great-grandson, Matthew Malar. Muriel was an example to her family of a Christian mother. Her head bowed over the scriptures, she taught her children from God's Word. She laughed our laughter, dried our tears, dreamed our dreams and was always ready to give us encouragement and support. She taught us to forgive and show mercy and compassion. We never questioned her love for her Lord and Saviour or her love for us, even as her strength failed. She will be greatly missed by her family, her faithful friends and many relatives.

A celebration of her life was held on August 18, 2012 at the Williams Funeral Home. The family would like to express sincere thanks to family, friends and neighbours for their many expressions of sympathy shown to us. Special thanks to the staff of Williams Funeral Home for their care and concern during this difficult time. You were angels waiting on the sidelines and anticipating our every need. Thanks also to the staff of Port of View Retirement Home for their exceptional care of our precious Mom. Your love for Mom was greatly appreciated.

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In memoriam

Chester Wells

In loving memory of a wonderful father and grandfather who passed away on August 24, 2003.
Look around your garden Lord,
For an angel with a smile
It's sure to be our beloved DAD
He must stand out a mile.
Put your arms around him Lord,
And kiss his smiling face.
For he is someone special Lord,
And cannot be replaced.
Loved and missed so very much,
July Ann, Tammy, Jeff and Kirstie

Chester Wells

In loving memory of a wonderful husband who passed away on August 24, 2003.
Dear Lord, please hug my husband.
As I often long to do.
Kiss his cheek and tell him,
Your loving wife is missing you.
Please tell him of the memories,
That dominate each thought,
Of the two of us together,
And the love that he once brought.
Loved forever and for always,
your wife Lynda



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FIORICA, Giuseppe - Peacefully surrounded by the love and the presence of his family Giuseppe passed away on August 18th, 2012 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of Rosa. Proud father of Nina (Jerry) McCutcheon, Jessie (Andrew Middleton) Fiorica and Mary (Peter) Cameron. Cherished grandfather of Jason (Jodie) McCutcheon, Melissa (Mark) Brion, Matthew (Julie) Gow, Stephen Gow, Samantha Cameron and Stephanie Cameron. Loving great grandfather of Daniel, Christian, Benjamin, William, Broderick and MacKenzie. Also survived by his step-brothers Antonio and Francesco Fiorica. Sadly missed brother in law of Raymond (Carmela) Montana, Vince (Teresa) Montana, Giuseppe Montana and Giovanna Montana and their families. Predeceased by his sister Maria Carmela and his other step-brothers. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 7-9 and Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Michael's Roman Catholic Church on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Entombment in Pleasantview Memorial Gardens. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church would be appreciated by the family.

SALISBURY, Dolores Joan - Passed away on August 22nd at the Douglas Memorial Hospital while surrounded by her family. Dolores is the daughter of the late Patrick and Edna Salisbury. Cherished sister of Margaret Salisbury, Patricia Allen, Sheila Frost and Vincent (Phyllis) Salisbury. She will be sadly missed by her nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and her wonderful friends. Predeceased by her sister Mary Wintler and her brothers Francis and James. Dolores worked for many years at Oxy Chem and was a proud member of St. George's Catholic Church. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave. entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday from 7-9. Funeral Mass will be offered at St. George's Catholic Church in Ridgeway on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment to follow in Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, contributions in memory of Dolores to St. George's would be appreciated.

Till memory fades and life departs,
You live forever in our hearts.

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SHERK, Helen Irene (Page) U.E. - Born in Ridgeway on April 6, 1926. Helen passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family on August 24, 2012. Loving mother to Gary (Ada) of Ridgeway, Deb (John Weisz) of Crystal Beach and Pat (Bruce Matheson) of Charlotteville. Devoted and caring Gramma/Grandpa-Giddy to Adam (Kaitlyn Young, fiancée), Thomas, Ben and Luke. Dear sister of Charlotte Beach. Predeceased by her parents, Walkdon and Katherine Page, husband Lewis (1969), sister Eleanor Cooper and brother Jim Page. Helen will be fondly remembered by her remaining Page and Sherk relatives as well as many friends in the Ridgeway area. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Saturday September 1st at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road, North, Ridgeway at 12 noon. The immediate family will be available to share memories of Helen before and after the service, from 10 until 3. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Canada. Please share a favourite memory of Helen with her family at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

In memoriam



Carol-Ann Holwell
passed away one year ago
on August 26, 2011

Mom, words cannot express how I feel, but no matter what I do today or in the future, I promise to remember all the values you've taught me, the acceptance, the reassurance and love. All these things will last a lifetime no matter where I am you will always be a part of me, in thought, in heart, in love. I miss you, your daughter Kim Sr.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times
Fort Erie Cannons' starting pitcher Rick Brennan in action, during Wednesday's 15-8 win over the Niagara Falls Expos. The Cannons are ahead in the best of three playoff series.

Pre-season opener a 'disappointing' loss for Meteors

➤ Jr. B team scores first but loses by a score of 9-1 to Port Colborne

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Meteors played their first exhibition game on Thursday night and director of hockey operations Tony Passero says that wasn't a good performance.

"It was very disappointing," said Passero.

The Jr. B squad will be playing in Port Colborne's the Pirate Cup all weekend and kicked off the tournament against the home team with a 9-1 loss.

Perhaps the most frustrating factor of the blow-out on Thursday, was that the Meteors lit the red light first, early in the first period.

“It seemed every chance we had to score, we didn't.”

— Tony Passero

"Then everything fell apart," said Passero, pointing out that Port Colborne scored nine goals on only 22 shots.

Passero says two rookie goaltenders were between the pipes throughout the game and that did play a

role, although the entire team did not play up to their best ability.

"They definitely got a taste of what Jr. B hockey is all about," he said.

The Meteors, whenever they found themselves in Port Colborne's end, couldn't execute.

"It seemed every chance we had to score, we didn't."

Looking ahead to the 2012-13 regular season, Passero says having 26 players at camp already is a sign that the club will have more to choose from when finalizing the line-up over the next few weeks.

"Now we can be a little more picky and take guys that will be impact players,"

Cannons win first game of playoff series against Expos

➤ Grand slam from Matt Pine adds to 15 runs worth of Cannons offense in opener

The Cannons hosted the visiting Niagara Falls Expos Wednesday night for Game one of the first round of the Niagara District Baseball Association's senior men's playoffs.

In a wild night at Oakes Park, the Cannons and Expos traded runs early. The score was 7-6 Cannons

after only three innings, thanks mostly to Fort Erie's Matt Pine's grand slam in the second inning and the Expos' T. C. Murray's two massive home runs.

In a night not kind to pitchers, Cam Hall of the Cannons didn't seem to mind.

In relief, he scattered six hits over five and 2/3 innings of work, striking out five Expos and only surrendering one run to pick up the win.

Kris Hodges also led the way for the Cannons, constantly making key plays at shortstop and going 3-4 at the plate in the process.

The Cannons travel to Niagara Falls Sunday night to take on the Expos for game two of the best of three series. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Niagara Falls Oakes Park.



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